



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 78

LCO No. 162

Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:

SEN. GUGLIELMO, 35th Dist.

**AN ACT PROVIDING A SUBSIDY TO GRANDPARENTS AND OTHER
RELATIVE CAREGIVERS WHO ARE APPOINTED GUARDIAN OF A
CHILD.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

- 1 That title 17a of the general statutes be amended to require the
- 2 Department of Social Services to provide a monthly subsidy to a
- 3 grandparent or other relative caregiver who is appointed guardian of a
- 4 child by the Court of Probate or Superior Court. It is proposed that the
- 5 subsidy be in an amount equal to the subsidy provided pursuant to the
- 6 subsidized guardianship program established under section 17a-126 of
- 7 the 2008 supplement to the general statutes.

Statement of Purpose:

To ensure equal treatment and adequate support for grandparents
caring for their grandchildren.